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SUBJ: W/W: MARY LOU INLAY AND ANTHONY FRANCIS CENTOBIE

REF: STATE 115436, 115458, AND CASABLANCA 0482

1. ANTHONY F. CENTOBIE CAME TO CONGEN TODAY AND IS NOW AGREEABLE TO REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM AUNT, MRS. BEVERLY CARTER, 10422 WESTCHESTER DRIVE, STANTON, CALIFORNIA, TEL: 828-1761 (AREA CODE 714). CENTOBIE REQUESTS AUNT PREPAY AIR FARE FOR HIM AND MARY LOU INLAY TO AT LEAST NEW YORK AND IF POSSIBLE AS FAR AS CALIFORNIA.

2. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE LOCALLY FOR CENTOBIE'S SAILBOAT, WHICH HE CLAIMS IS WORTH ABOUT \$2000, TO BE SENT C.O.D. TO NEW YORK. CENTOBIE SAYS HE IS WILLING TO PUT UP BOAT AS COLLATERAL IF MRS. CARTER WOULD BE WILLING TO LOAN HIM AND MISS INLAY AIR FARE HOME.

3. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MRS. CARTER AND EXPLAIN SUBJECT'S SITUATION AND ADVISE OF HER ANSWER.

4. ONE WAY FARE TO CASA-NEW YORK PER PERSON APPROXIMATELY \$335. ONE WAY FARE CASA-LOS ANGELES PER PERSON APPROXIMATELY \$520.

5. MR. CENTOBIE INFORMS THAT HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED ONE REPATRIATION LOAN IN 1969 FROM AMCONSUL TANGIER FOR \$301 WHICH HE REPAID IN MARCH 1975.

6. IF NO FUNDS FORTHCOMING FROM MR. CENTOBIE'S AUNT, POST FEELS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT BOTH MARY LOU INLAY AND ANTHONY F. CENTOBIE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR

REPATRIATION UNDER FAM 375.

COMMENT: CENTOBIE AND INLAY HAD BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTIES SINCE ARRIVAL IN MOROCCO IN DECEMBER 1975 WITH SIALBOAT. THEY ARRIVED WITH THREE OR FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS AND AFTER HAVING PUT DOWN A \$650 SECURITY DEPOSIT WITH PORT CUSTOMS (TO BE REIMBURSED WITH THE EVENTUEL DEPARTURE OF THE BOAT FROM MOROCCO) THEY STILL HAD APPROXIMATELY \$1000 LEFT AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL WITH WHICH TO PAY BOAT'S SHIPPING COSTS AND AIR FARE HOME. ONE DELAY AFTER ANOTHER CAUSED BY LOCAL SHIPPING REGULATIONS CAUSED CENTOBIE AND INLAY TO USE UP THE LAST OF THEIR FUNDS WHILE AWAITING FINAL DEPARTURE OF BOAT IN ORDER TO RECUPERATE SECURITY DEPOSIT.

AT PRESENT, SAILBOAT IS STILL IN CASABLANCA ABOUT TO BE BOARDED ON "EXPORT DEMOCRACY" SOMETIMES WITHIN NEXT WEEK IF SHIP CAN GAIN ENTRY TO PORT, IT IS NOW WAITING IN LINE IN BACK OF ABOUT 20 OTHER SHIPS. EVEN IF CENTONBIE RECUPERATES SECURITY DEPOSIT, MOST OR ALL OF IT WILL HAVE TO PAY BILLS FOR STORAGE OF BOAT FOR PAST 6 WEEKS AND LOCAL PORT AND TRANSIT AGENT'S FEES.
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